



West Oahu

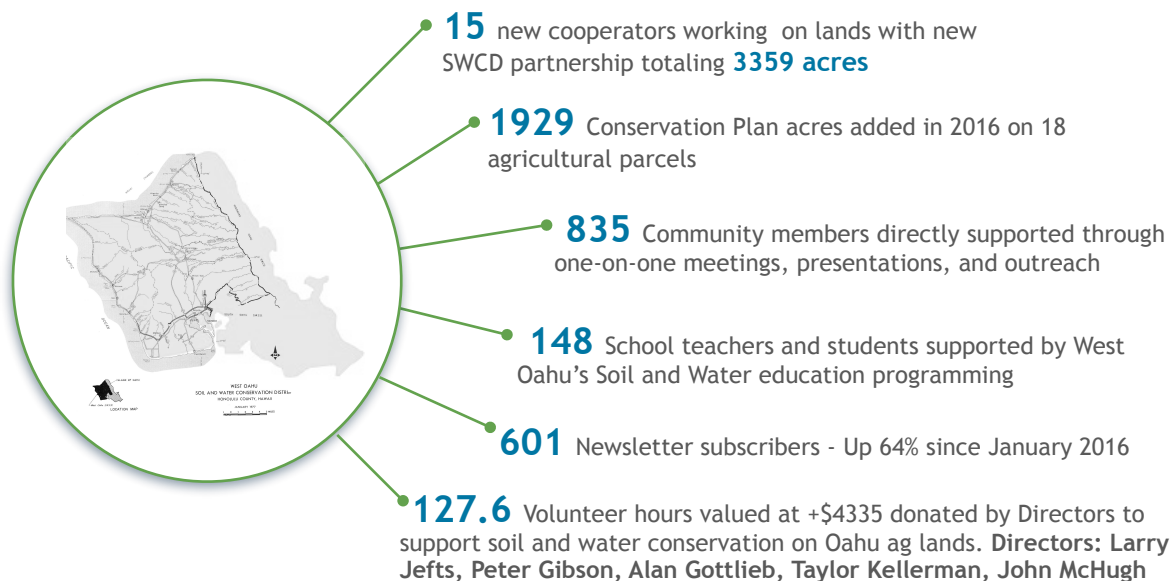
Soil and Water Conservation District

2016 update

West Oahu 2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

UPDATED: AUGUST 4, 2016

Since 1950, West Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has been working to help farmers understand and implement soil and water conservation best practices that are critical to a vibrant agricultural sector, environment and economy. Agriculture land owners and operators are eligible to apply at no cost as SWCD Cooperators. Cooperators may develop conservation plans and submit them for review and approval at monthly SWCD meetings. Cooperators who implement SWCD approved conservation plans may be excluded from the City and County of Honolulu grading, grubbing, & stockpiling permits [C&C Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH) 14-13.5(d)] and fees. The program is administratively directed by the State of Hawaii.



2016 WEST OAHU SWCD GOALS

In addition to the continuing with the work described above, we will work to:

- Connect with Farmers who have expired plans
- Secure funding for staff & expenses (\$110k)
- Increase relationships with new & immigrant farmers
- Provide educational opportunities to community leaders, legislators, County Council members, etc.

HAWAII'S LOCAL FOOD GOALS DEPEND ON OAHU AGRICULTURE

ACRES IN DIVERSIFIED CROPS ON OAHU;
MORE THAN THE REST OF THE STATE
COMBINED

9,865
ACRES

ACRES MANAGED FOR AGRICULTURE ON
OAHU. 22,381 ACRES IN CROP PRODUCTION
AND 18,464 IN PASTURE LAND

40,845
ACRES



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Data from the 2015 Hawaii Dept. of Agriculture
Statewide Agriculture Land Use Baseline, 2012 census
and Senator Thielen's Ag report*.



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2016 Midyear report

West Oahu SWCD Accomplishments

Updated: August 3, 2016



15 New Cooperators working on lands with new SWCD partnership totaling **3359 acres**



1929 Conservation plan acres added in 2016 on 18 agricultural parcels



835 Community members directly supported through one-on-one meetings, presentations, and outreach



148 Teachers & students supported with education programming



129% Growth of Facebook Followers since January 2016



601 Monthly Newsletter Subscribers. Up by 64% since January 2016



127.6 Volunteer Hours valued at +\$4335 donated by Directors to support best practices for soil and water conservation on agricultural lands on Oahu.

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